

Chairman Brenner, Vice Chair Blessing, Ranking Member Fedor, and members of the Senate primary and secondary education committee,

Thank you for allowing me to testify today. My name is Garrett Beam. I am a senior at Kenton Ridge High School in Springfield, Ohio. As a future family consumer science teacher, I am here testifying as an interested party.

The OHIO ASSOCIATION TEACHERS OF FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES's motto is "Knowledge you can't live without". I am a firm believer in the promotion of family consumer sciences, which holds financial literacy as one of its key stone courses. Financial Literacy classes promote successful futures in students and provide them with the essential skills related to career, finance, budgeting, economics, taxes, retirement, and many other topics. I myself have taken Career Based Financial Management and can speak to the validity of the content.

I can also say that as a future family consumer sciences educator, a new generation of teachers are ready to step up to the plate and teach these courses. The educator pipeline across the state is being filled with highly qualified teachers in financial literacy. I look at the growing field of family consumer sciences with hope and pride. I know that I am joining a strong coalition of teachers who understand the important role financial literacy courses have, in promoting students' success after high school. I am very grateful for my education and I hope to share it with others someday. With the passage of Senate bill one, every student in Ohio could receive this vital knowledge, and we have the teachers to teach them. I said yes to FCS and I hope that you will say yes to Senate bill one.

I ask you to consider my testimony as you deliberate on this important bill. Thank you again for the opportunity to testify.

I will now take any questions you may have.